

House Joint Resolution 3 - Introduced

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 37)

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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa relating to the gubernatorial line of
3 succession.
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Section 17 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of
4 Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

5 Sec. 17. **Lieutenant governor or lieutenant governor-elect**
6 **to become or act as governor or governor-elect.** If there is a
7 temporary disability of the governor, the lieutenant governor
8 shall act as governor until the disability is removed, or
9 the governor dies, resigns, or is removed from office. In
10 case of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the
11 governor, the lieutenant governor shall become governor for
12 the remainder of the term, which shall create a vacancy in
13 the office of lieutenant governor. This section shall also
14 apply, as appropriate, to the governor-elect and the lieutenant
15 governor-elect.

16 Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO ELECTORATE. The foregoing proposed
17 amendment, having been adopted and agreed to by the 89th
18 General Assembly, Second Session, thereafter duly published,
19 and now adopted and agreed to by the 90th General Assembly in
20 this joint resolution, shall be submitted to the people of the
21 state of Iowa at the general election in November of the year
22 2024 in the manner required by the Constitution of the State of
23 Iowa and the laws of the state of Iowa.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
28 Constitution of the State of Iowa, for adoption by the second
29 consecutive general assembly, relating to the gubernatorial
30 line of succession. The amendment creates a system of
31 succession in the case of a permanent or temporary disability
32 of the governor or governor-elect. In the case of a temporary
33 disability of the governor or governor-elect, the lieutenant
34 governor or lieutenant governor-elect shall act as governor or
35 governor-elect until the disability is removed, or the governor

1 dies, resigns, or is removed from office. In the case of the
2 death, resignation, or removal from office of the governor
3 or governor-elect, the lieutenant governor or lieutenant
4 governor-elect shall become governor or governor-elect for the
5 residue of the term, and the office of lieutenant governor
6 shall become vacant.

7 The resolution, if adopted, would be submitted to the
8 electorate for ratification at the general election in November
9 2024.